

- explains how the results and benefits expected are reasonable given the resources available for this project.

2. Approach (maximum of 50 Points)

The extent to which the applicant's approach:

- adequately describes and responds to key issues outlined in the background section above;
- represents a cost effective strategy to improve Head Start and Child Care program practices to promote positive social and emotional outcomes for children;
- demonstrates a thorough knowledge and understanding of the Head Start Program Performance Standards and quality child care program practices;
- demonstrates thorough knowledge of evidence-based approaches to improving social and emotional outcomes and address mental health and behavioral concerns for preschool-age children;
- demonstrates appropriate strategies for communication and ongoing coordination with the Head Start and Child Care training and technical assistance providers; and,
- describes specific strategies for how the project will promote local program's adopting and implementing practices.

3. Staff and Position Date (Maximum of 30 Points)

The extent to which the key staff and the organization possess the experience and expertise necessary to plan and implement a project of this type and scope, including:

- planning and disseminating training and technical assistance resources addressing issues of early childhood social and emotional development and mental health services;
- working with programs serving diverse cultures, languages and ethnicity and with programs serving low income families with young children;
- analyzing and preparing information for national dissemination to early childhood programs on issues of social and emotional development and mental health;
- designing, developing, and delivering coordinated technical assistance as part of a national network;
- experience with early childhood service settings, collaborating with mental health, child care and school system partners, and working with Head Start program staff and parents;
- key staff will devote adequate time to ensure a high level of professional input and attention;
- staff have experience designing and delivering information and T/TA for

audiences of diverse cultures, languages and ethnicity and experience working with programs serving low income families with young children;

- staff have the skills and experiences needed to implement an approach covering the broad scope of issues required by the comprehensiveness of the Head Start model; and
- staff have experience and skills in reviewing and adapting information on social and emotional development and mental health to communicate effectively with this project's intended audiences.

Budget and Budget Justification (Maximum of 10 Points)

The extent to which the applicant's proposed costs are reasonable in view of the planning and activities to be carried out and the anticipated outcomes.

Required Notification of the State Single Point of Contact

This program is covered under Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," and 45 CFR Part 100, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Programs and Activities." Under the Order, States may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposed Federal assistance under covered programs.

All States and territories except Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming, and Palau have elected to participate in the Executive Order process and have established Single Points of Contact (SPOCs). Applicants from these jurisdictions need not take action regarding Executive Order 12372.

Applications for projects to be administered by Federally recognized Indian Tribes are also exempt from the requirements of Executive Order 12372. Otherwise, applicants should contact their SPOC as soon as possible to alert them to the prospective application and to receive any necessary instructions. Applicants must submit any required material to the SPOC as early as possible so that the program office can obtain and review SPOC comments as part of the award process. It is imperative that the applicant submit all required materials, if any, to the SPOC and indicate the date of this submittal (or date of contact if no submittal is

required) on the Standard Form 424, item 16a.

Under 45 CFR 100.8(a)(2), a SPOC has 60 days from the application deadline to comment on proposed new or competing continuation awards. SPOCs are encouraged to eliminate the submission of routine endorsements as official recommendations.

Additionally, SPOCs are requested to clearly differentiate between mere advisory comments and those official State process recommendations which may trigger the "accommodate or explain" rule.

When comments are submitted directly to the ACF, they should be addressed to: William Wilson, Head Start Bureau, Grants Officer, 330 C Street SW., Room 2220, Washington, DC 20447. Attn: Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning.

A list of the Single Points of Contact for each State and Territory can be found on the following web site: <http://http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Program Number 93.600, Project Head Start and Number 93.647, Child Care and Development Block Grant)

Dated: May 14, 2001.

James A. Harrell,

Acting Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration [HCFA-3069-N]

Medicare Program; Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee—June 14, 2001

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Executive Committee (the Committee) of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (MCAC). The Committee will do the following:

- Act on the February 21, 2001 recommendations of the Medical Devices and Prosthetics Panel regarding Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring.
- Discuss the "Interim Guidelines—Recommendations for Evaluating Effectiveness," prepared by the Executive Committee to assist panels in

consistently judging the scientific evidence of a particular topic (also available on the HCFA website at www.hcfa.gov/coverage).

- Discuss the future role of the Committee, in light of the provisions of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 that removes the requirement that the Committee ratify all medical specialty panel recommendations.

- Discuss the contents of, and framing the questions for, a future presentation of "neuroimaging for dementia" to be presented to the Diagnostic Imaging Panel later this year.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2)).

DATES: *The Meeting:* June 14, 2001, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., E.D.T.

Deadline for Presentations and Comments: June 1, 2001, 5 p.m., E.D.T.

Special Accommodations: Persons attending the meeting who are hearing impaired and require sign language interpretation, or have a condition that requires other special assistance or accommodations, are asked to notify the Executive Secretary by June 1, 2001.

ADDRESSES: *The Meeting:* The meeting will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center, Room 339, One West Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Presentations and Comments: Submit formal presentations and written comments to Constance A. Conrad, Executive Secretary; Office of Clinical Standards and Quality; Health Care Financing Administration; 7500 Security Boulevard; Mail Stop S3-02-01; Baltimore, MD 21244.

Website: You may access up-to-date information on this meeting at www.hcfa.gov/coverage.

Hotline: You may access up-to-date information on this meeting on the HCFA Advisory Committee Information Hotline, 1-877-449-5659 (toll free) or in the Baltimore area (410) 786-9379.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Constance A. Conrad, Executive Secretary, 410-786-4631.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 13, 1999, we published a notice (64 FR 44231) announcing a meeting of the Drugs, Biologics, and Therapeutics Panel and also describing the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (MCAC), which provides advice and recommendations to us about clinical issues. This notice announces the June 14, 2001 public meeting of Executive Committee (the Committee) of the MCAC.

Current Committee Members

Harold C. Sox, MD (Chairperson); Thomas V. Holohan, MD (FACP); Leslie P. Francis, JD, PhD; John H. Ferguson, MD; Robert L. Murray, PhD; Alan M. Garber, MD, PhD; Michael D. Maves, MD, MBA; Frank J. Papatheofanis, MD, PhD; Barbara J. McNeil, MD; Ronald M. Davis, MD; Daisy Alford-Smith, PhD; Joe W. Johnson, DC; Robert H. Brook, MD, ScD; Linda A. Bergthold, PhD; Randel E. Richner, MPH.

Meeting Topic

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Procedure and Agenda

This meeting is open to the public. The Committee will hear oral presentations from the public for approximately 1 hour. The Committee may limit the number and duration of oral presentations to the time available. If you wish to make formal presentations, you must notify Executive Secretary Constance A. Conrad, in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice, and submit the following by the Deadline for Presentations and Comments date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice: A brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments you wish to present and the names and addresses of proposed participants. A written copy of your presentation must be provided to the Executive Secretary before the meeting. We will request that you declare at the meeting whether or not you have any financial involvement with manufacturers of any items or services being discussed (or with their competitors).

After the public presentations, we will make a presentation to the Committee. Then, the Committee will deliberate openly. Interested persons may observe the deliberations, but the Committee will not hear further comments during this time except at the request of the chairperson. The Committee will allow an approximately 30-minute open public session for any attendee to address issues specific to the topic. After that open session, the members will vote, and the Committee will make its recommendation.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: May 8, 2001.

Jeffrey L. Kang,

Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

Mental Health and Community Safety Initiative for American Indian/Alaska Native Children, Youth, and Families

AGENCY: Indian Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability for competitive grants for the Mental Health and Community Safety Initiative for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Children, Youth, and Families.

SUMMARY: The Indian Health Service (IHS) announces the availability of competitive grants under the Mental Health and Community Safety Initiative for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Children, Youth, and Families for fiscal year (FY) 2001. Grants under this Initiative will be administered by the following Federal Agencies:

(1) The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS);

(2) The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), United States Department of Justice (DOJ); and

(3) The Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), United States Department of Education (ED).